

Bill # 494 – PH 3-31-14

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To: Jud Testimony

Subject: Fw: GAL Bill

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Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before the State of New York and the Federal Courts of New York and Connecticut and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. I also served as Vice President of the Emerald Association of Long Island, helping raise money for the homes for Dependent Children run by Catholic Charities.

I am a fit and loving mother to my four (4) year old son. One day I had custody, another day he was taken away on an amber alert scam because I "may flee". I made no attempt to flee, but am from Ireland. Despite Ireland being in the Hague Convention, the Guardian ad Litem claimed it could be a "jumping off" point to another country. Under this rather far-fetched theory, every foreign national could have their child taken away from them when they divorce an American.

Why did this really happen? I conducted an audit of GAL billings in November 2013. (See attached provisional audit of Atty./GAL Sue Cousineau). I objected to the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem in my case, moved to re-argue the appointment of Atty./ GAL Kerry Tarpey and moved to recuse her for bias. Kerry Tarpey then objected to the publication of her billing from the public court file (Attached is her request for a Status Conference). On the return date of the amber alert scam motion, noise was injected into the proceedings and all that emerged was the recommendation of the retaliating GAL.

This is the last time my four year old son saw me, his mother and primary attachment figure:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10152148194392943&set=vb.654877942&type=2&theate>

The Guardian ad Litem in my case, Kerry Tarpey, was later court ordered to withdraw her representation. The role of the GAL appeared to be to throw grenades into the family to keep up the conflict for the benefit of the billing bonanza for the divorce vendors and job security for the Judges who decide the same cases over and over again.

Thank you for working with us to fix this broken Family Court System. Should you have any questions, queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 917-439-0836.

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